O P E 42.88 SEP 0 5 2006 B

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:
Gregg A. Penner
Stefan A. Bledig
Timothy W. Conner
Vergel C. Concibido

Serial No.: 10/071,272 Confirmation No.: 9001

Filed: February 8, 2002

For: IDENTIFICATION OF SEEDS OR PLANTS

USING PHENOTYPIC MARKERS

Group Art Unit: 1661

Examiner: Wendy Haas

Atty. Dkt. No.: 11898.0021.NPUS01

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA, 22313-1450

Sir:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING 37 C.F.R. 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA, 22313-1450, on the date below:

Aug. 30,2006 Paula S. Sinkhart Bate Signature

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for a one-month extension of time to and including September 10, 2006, in which to respond to the Advisory Action dated August 10, 2006. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$120 fee, which is the process fee for a one-month extension of time, and any other required fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 to Deposit Account No. 08-3038/11898.0021.NPUS01.

09/06/2006 MBIZUNES 00000042 083038 10071272

01 FC:1251

120.00 DA

CUSTOMER No. 45,607

HOWREY LLP 1111 Louisiana 25<sup>th</sup> Floor Houston, Texas 77002 (713) 787-1400

Date:

August 30, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Kammerer Reg. No. 29,775

Attorney for Assignee

MONSANTO TECHNOLOGY LLC